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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, EFIN, LA, US, CW

SUBJECT: FRG WILLINGNESS TO REPLACE US PARTICIPATION

IN NAM NGUM II

REF: BONN 12420

1. SUMMARY: FRG IS WILLING TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF TWO GENERATORS IF SUCH ACTION DOES NOT CONTRAVENE US POLICY. END SUMMARY

2. THE FONOFF (TRUHART, SEA DESK) REPORTS THAT THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE FRG TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REPLACE THE \$5 MILLION US CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF TWO GENERATORS WHICH HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN.

3. TRUHART EXPLAINED THAT THE FRG IS PREPARED TO
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RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE LAOTIAN REQUEST. HOWEVER, THE

FRG WANTS TO ASCERTAIN FIRST IF SUCH A STEP WOULD BE FAVORED BY USG.

4. THE FRG ALREADY HAS EXTENDED A 15 MILLION DM CREDIT TO LAOS. THE MONEY FOR THE GENERATORS WOULD BE TAKEN FROM THIS CREDIT, THUS OBTAINING THE NEED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CREDIT AT THIS TIME. THE MONEY FOR THE GENERATORS WOULD NOT BE TIED TO GERMAN EXPORTS, SO PRESENT PLANS TO PURCHASE THE GENERATORS FROM WESTINGHOUSE WOULD NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS LAOS CHANGES THEM.

5. TRUHART EMPHASIZED THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION AS FAR AS THE FRG IS CONCERNED THAT THE CREDIT SHOULD BE PROVIDED FROM THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. THE ONLY QUESTION IS POLITICAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED IF US POLICY IS BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD AID TO LAOS OR ON A CONVICTION THAT AID TO LAOS AT THIS TIME IS NOT DESIRABLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP IF WE WANT FRG TO STEP INTO THE BREACH CAUSED BY WITHDRAWAL OF THE US CREDIT AND WHY.
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